

SECTION 14

RIGGING

1. GENERAL

1.1. Repair and Manufacture.

The repair and manufacture of all skydiving equipment may only be carried out by the following:

- 1.1.1. British Skydiving Rigger Examiners (RE)s, Advanced Riggers (ARs) and Parachute Riggers (PRs), or Basic Riggers (BRs) under training (who must have all work inspected by their supervising rigger).
- 1.1.2. Recognised parachute equipment manufacturers.

1.2. Assembly.

The assembly of parachuting equipment may only be carried out by the following:

- 1.2.1. Those listed in para 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. above.
- 1.2.2. Advanced Parachute Packers.
- 1.2.3. Holders of the appropriate packing certificate(s).

2. BASIC RIGGER (BR)

2.1. The qualifications required for Basic Rigger training are as follows:

- 2.1.1. Must be a full British Skydiving Member.
- 2.1.2. Must hold an Advanced Packer (S) qualification.
- 2.1.3. Have a written recommendation from the Supervising Rigger, who must be at least a PR who has held their rating for at least two years and has known the candidate for a minimum of six months.

2.2. To become a Basic Rigger the candidate must fulfil the requirements of the Basic Rigger Course Syllabus (Form 199). There are two methods of pursuing this course of training, as listed in the course syllabus.

2.3. BRs may carry out all the requirements of the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus prior to attending a Parachute Rigger Course, under the direct supervision of a PR.

2.4. The work limitations, record keeping, and currency requirements of the Basic Rigger rating are detailed in the Basic Rigger Course Syllabus.

3. PARACHUTE RIGGER (PR)

3.1. The requirements to attend the Parachute Rigger course are as follows:

- 3.1.1. Must be a full British Skydiving member

- 3.1.2. Must be a Basic Rigger
 - 3.1.3. Must have a British Skydiving Advanced Packing Certificate Grade (S)
 - 3.1.4. Must hold a British Skydiving Approved Packing Certificate that includes a Tandem system (i.e. a Tandem main packing certificate)
 - 3.1.5. Provide a written recommendation to attend the course from the supervising rigger
 - 3.1.6. Provide a log of rigging work carried out since the BR course, signed appropriately by the supervising riggers.
- 3.2.** To become a Parachute Rigger (PR) the candidate must first have successfully completed Basic Rigger training (either method). The candidate must then attend a Parachute Rigger Course as per the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus (Form 200).
- 3.3.** The work limitations, record keeping, and currency requirements of the Parachute Rigger rating are detailed in the Parachute Rigger Course Syllabus.

4. ADVANCED RIGGER (AR)

- 4.1.** The requirements to attend an Advanced Rigger Course are as follows:
- 4.1.1. Must be a full British Skydiving member
 - 4.1.2. Must have been a Parachute Rigger for at least 2 years
 - 4.1.3. Must have British Skydiving Advanced Packing Certificate Grades S and T
 - 4.1.4. Provide a written recommendation to attend the course from an Advanced Rigger who has known the candidate for at least 6 months
 - 4.1.6. Log of rigging work carried out in the preceding 12 months
- 4.2.** The candidate will attend an Advanced Rigger Course as per the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus (Form 201).
- 4.3.** PRs may carry out all the requirements of the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus prior to attending an Advanced Rigger Course, under the direct supervision of an AR.
- 4.4.** The work limitations, record keeping, and currency requirements of the Advanced Rigger rating are detailed in the Advanced Rigger Course Syllabus.

5. RIGGER EXAMINER (RE)

- 5.1.** The requirements to attend a Rigger Examiner Course are as follows:
- 5.1.1. Must be a full British Skydiving member
 - 5.1.2. Must have been an Advanced Rigger for at least 2 years
 - 5.1.3. Must have attended a "Methods of Instruction" lecture on a British Skydiving Instructors' Course or can demonstrate good instructional experience and background

5.1.4. Provide a written recommendation to attend the upgrade to Examiner from a Rigger Examiner who has known the candidate for at least 6 months

5.1.5. Provide a log of the rigging work carried out in the preceding 12 months

5.2. The candidate will attend the 3 phases of the Rigger Examiner Course as per the Rigger Examiner Course Syllabus (Form 202).

5.3. The work limitations, record keeping, and currency requirements of the Rigger Examiner rating are detailed in the Rigger Examiner Course Syllabus.

6. EVALUATION/EXAMINATION APPEALS

Any candidate who fails an evaluation or examination for any rigger or RE qualification may appeal against such a decision. In the first instance, such appeal must be made to the STC, via the Riggers' Subcommittee. STC's subsequent ruling will be referred to Council for ratification and a further appeal may be made to Council at that time.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

Rigger Examiners must be fully aware of their responsibilities towards every British Skydiving member and to the candidate they may be assessing, and to the consequences which may flow from an accident due to faulty rigging. If there is any reasonable doubt in the mind of a RE that a candidate, they are assessing is too inexperienced, is temperamentally unsound or is in any other way unsuitable then the RE must not sign the rating.

8. RIGGER RATING RENEWALS

Rigger ratings expire on the 31st March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew a rigger's rating the rigger must satisfy an Advanced Rigger, or a Rigger Examiner in the case of a RE rating renewal, that they are current in all aspects of rigging relevant to their status.

8.1. Once a rigger rating has expired the rigger may not exercise the privileges of that rating until the rating is renewed.

8.2. Advanced Riggers or Rigger Examiners may not endorse their own rating renewal applications.

9. NON-BRITISH SKYDIVING RIGGERS AND RESERVE PACKERS

Non-British Skydiving rated Reserve Packers or Riggers wishing to practice in the UK must be full members of British Skydiving, understand English adequately, hold a British Skydiving Packing Certificate and have a written recommendation from a British Skydiving qualified Rigger prior to assessment on the appropriate course.

9.1. To gain a British Skydiving Advanced Packer (AP) rating the candidate must hold a current Reserve Packing rating acceptable to the skydiving governing organisation of the country where the rating was obtained and show evidence of at least 20 reserve repacks, before attending an AP examination course, during which the Advanced Rigger (AR) or Rigger Examiner (RE) conducting the course will ensure that all aspects of the AP syllabus are covered.

- 9.2. To gain a British Skydiving Rigger rating the candidate must hold a current Rigger rating acceptable to the skydiving governing organisation of the country where the rating was obtained and show evidence of at least 200 hours of logged rigging work. They must first obtain suitable British Skydiving AP ratings prior to attending a British Skydiving Rigger Examination Course, during which their ability to fulfil the syllabus will be assessed by the Rigger Examiners.
- 9.3. Following successful completion of the above the candidate will be awarded the relevant British Skydiving rating.

10. BREACH OF OPERATIONS MANUAL

The Chairperson of the Riggers' Sub-committee may, in consultation with the Safety & Technical Officer and/or Chief Operating Officer deal with a rigger/packer alleged to be in breach, or suspected breach of the Operations Manual, in a number of ways:

- 10.1. Be dealt with informally by way of a letter setting out the allegation/breach and, if appropriate, advising the rigger/packer as to their future conduct, or
- 10.2. The allegation/breach should be referred to the Riggers' Subcommittee, or STC to decide if a formal Tribunal is required, or
- 10.3. Form a Panel of Inquiry to investigate the matter further.

N.B.(1) Tribunal Proceedings – Rules and Procedures can be found on Form 256.